

FRENCH LAUNCH MIGHTY OFFENSIVE!

OFFICERS' CLUBS
NOW ALL 'DRY' AS
SUPPORT TO CAUSESchofield Club Stops Handling
Liquor on Saturday; What
Will Local Clubs Do?

Backing up the attitude of army officers here that during the period of national crisis the saloons and other resorts for the sale of liquor should be closed, the Officers' Club at Schofield went "bone dry" last Saturday at noon.

It was reported that other officers' clubs would take the same action, but the Star-Bulletin was told this morning that no other club similarly sells liquor, and that the closing of the Schofield club would mean that all the posts on Oahu are now "dry." No liquor is sold to enlisted men on the reservations, and since the closing of Leilehua beer garden the only approach to a sale of liquor through a saloon near a post has been abandoned.

The officers at Schofield, in taking their action, feel that the club should set an example, inasmuch as army men have been prominent in urging the closing of saloons for the war period.

One Honolulu businessman who heard the news today said:

"It is now certainly up to the social clubs of Honolulu, like the Pacific Club, University Club, Country Club and Commercial Club, to close their bars. They should, as representing the business forces in the community, take the initiative, without waiting for action by the liquor license commission."

KAUAI OUTBREAK
MAY BE ANTHRAX

Because he has received additional proof that the disease which has killed off 33 head of cattle, three horses and one mule on Kauai may be anthrax, Dr. Victor A. Norgaard, territorial veterinarian, will leave this evening for the Hanalei ranch on Kauai, where this dreaded disease may have broken out.

When the report was brought here Sunday by Sheriff W. H. Rice that a disease thought to be anthrax was killing off the cattle, Dr. Norgaard scouted the idea because up to now it has been unknown on the islands. He believed it was haemorrhagic septicaemia.

This morning, however, he received a message from a doctor on Kauai, who said he had carefully investigated the disease and all tests answered the description of anthrax.

That the disease, if anthrax, will have disastrous results, is evident by the precautions which are being taken. It was said this morning that H. Hackfeld & Co. had offered to have sent from the coast immediately a large consignment of vaccine to prevent the spread of the disease.

Sheriff Rice reports there is quite a panic on Kauai because of the large number of stock dying and every precaution is being taken. Figs also, he says, are dying from the effects of the disease. The entire district is under quarantine.

ANTI-GERMAN FEELING
RUNS HIGH IN BUENOS
AIRES; CONSULATE MOBBED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, April 15.—Furiously enraged by the piratical outrages of the Prussian sea-raiders, large crowds of people yesterday attacked the German legation here, after racking the offices of a pro-German newspaper. Later it also attacked the German consulate, but the occupants of that building had been warned and met the attackers with a volley of bullets that wounded a number of people. By this time the crowd was mad and shouting, "Death to the German murderers. Down with the Prussian pirates," and would have returned to the attack on the consulate but for the appearance of police which after much trouble managed to quell the disturbance.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, April 15.—The establishment of a South American continental entente for the purpose of dealing concertedly with the problems arising out of the great European war is the object of negotiations which, it was learned late yesterday, are in progress among Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

It is proposed that a convention of representatives of all of the South American republics shall be called to study the grave problems that confront the several nations.

When the report of the house and senate committees on the visit to Molokai was read on Friday Representative Andrews moved to defer consideration "until after the house has visited the settlement."

May Wheat Is
SkyrocketingNEW YORK STOCK
MARKET TODAY

Alaska Gold	Today	Satur.
American Smelter	99	101 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	111 1/2	113 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	123 1/2	123 1/2
Anacosta Copper	78 1/2	80 1/2
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	53 1/2	55 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/2	78 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	41 1/2	41 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	21	21 1/2
Canadian Pacific	160 1/2	162 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	79 1/2	80 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	47 1/2	48 1/2
Cruickshank Steel	61 1/2	63 1/2
Erie Common	27 1/2	28 1/2
General Electric	165	166 1/2
General Motors, New	106 1/2	111 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	111	111 1/2
Kennecott Copper	42 1/2	44 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	65 1/2	65 1/2
New York Central	94 1/2	95 1/2
Pennsylvania	53	53 1/2
Ray Consol.	28 1/2	30 1/2
Reading Common	94 1/2	95 1/2
Southern Pacific	93 1/2	95 1/2
Studebaker	90	92 1/2
Texas Oil	214	215 1/2
Union Pacific	135 1/2	137 1/2
U. S. Steel	110 1/2	113 1/2
Utah	108	111 1/2
Western Union	98 1/2	97 1/2
Westinghouse	49	49 1/2
May Wheat	2.35 1/2	2.24 1/2
Chicago—July wheat sold at \$2.		

*Bid. 1 1/2—dividend \$1.00—quoted.
a. Asked, b. Bid.Contingent Fund
For Governor Is
Not Yet Beaten

That the house finance committee may insert in the appropriation bill the governor's contingent fund amounting to around \$150,000, is the summary of a report that is making the rounds in the lower house, but of which no authoritative confirmation can be secured.

Chairman Clarence H. Cooke threw some light on the question today when he said that the matter of inserting the contingent fund is now being discussed by the members of the finance committee, although no definite decision has been reached one way or the other.

Early in the session, through a resolution presented by Speaker H. L. Holstein, the finance committee was directed to delete the governor's contingent fund. In his report the governor asked for a fund in the sum of \$150,000, which was \$100,000 more than the previous fund.

The appropriation bill came to the house from the senate a few days ago minus the contingent fund, but with a so-called emergency fund in its place. That the house committee will reinstate the contingent fund, now seems likely, if reports in the house are correct.

FREE SEWERS
FINDS FAVOR

Free sewers and cleaning of cesspools for Honolulu, but not free garbage disposal, is the compromise plan on which the senate ways and means committee agreed today for a report to the upper house.

By leaving free garbage out of the reckoning the tax rate proposed in the senate bill under discussion will be reduced from one and one-half mills to six-tenths of a mill, the latter amounting to 60 cents on the thousand.

On the property valuation in Honolulu—\$100,000,000—this will bring in approximately \$60,000 a year. This amount will be spent as follows, according to the plan of Harry E. Murray, superintendent of the water and sewer department: Slaking fund, \$20,332; operating cost of sewers, \$39,000; pumping cesspools, \$10,000. Any balance in the fund after paying above items to be applied toward redemption of bonds.

The bonded debt now stands at \$352,000. The bill which was first introduced in the senate provided for a tax rate of one and one-half mills, most of which was to be applied toward the redemption of bonds. It was decided, however, to lessen this rate. Free garbage disposal will be provided through the increased allowance of territorial taxes which the city and county will receive through a bill in the house.

Representative Petrie's bill providing for the punishment of persons wasting artesian well water, and more closely regulating the management of artesian wells, passed third reading and has been sent to the senate.

NEW POSTMASTER
HAS FOUR YEAR
TERM OF OFFICE14 Postoffices in Territory
Affected By President's
Civil Service Order

Because his second nomination for the local postmastership was confirmed by the senate on March 17, and President Wilson did not issue until March 31, effective April 2, his executive order placing postmasters of the first, second and third classes under civil service, Honolulu's new postmaster, D. H. MacAdam, will not have to take an examination in order to hold his position. Fourteen postoffices in the territory, however, are affected by the order, so far as future postmasters are concerned.

"My first nomination was sent to the senate on January 30, but was not acted on. I was renominated and confirmed and was commissioned March 19, so that unless the civil service commission summons me I will not have to take an examination," said MacAdam today.

Takes Official Charge Today
The new postmaster assumed charge officially this morning. Sunday Acting Postmaster William C. Peterson closed up his accounts and turned them over to MacAdam this morning. It took nearly half a day to count the stamps, stamped envelopes and other property in the acting postmaster's charge. Their total value came to \$168,994. The account closing included the first half of this month, down to the close of April 15.

Fourteen Island Offices Affected
Although Honolulu's new postmaster was commissioned before the President's executive order was issued, the number of postoffices in the territory affected by the order are 14. Two New Third-Class.

The only first class postoffice is Honolulu. Postoffices of the second class are Hilo and Schofield Barracks. Third class offices are 11. Two new ones, Punahoa and Waiman, having been created April 1. The third class are:

Oahu—Three: Waiakua, Waiakua, Waiakua.
Kauai—Five: Kahului, Lahaina, Punahoa, Wailuku, Pele.
Kauai—Two: Lihue, Waiman.

Hawaii—One: Kohala. The Big Island has only two "presidential" postoffices, Hilo, second class, and Kohala, third class. There are 75 or 76 fourth class postoffices in the entire territory.

Examination Age Limit 65
President Wilson's executive order issued Saturday, March 31, and effective April 2, placed more than 10,000 first, second and third class postmasters under the civil service.

Incumbents of offices are not affected, but in the future when vacancies occur as the result of death, resignation or removal, the civil service commission will hold open competitive examinations. The name of the highest eligible candidate will then be submitted to the president. No person more than 65 years old shall be examined.

Although the order is framed to remove postmasters from politics, the senate, however, has the right to reject the president's appointments, says despatches from the mainland.

MacAdam's Term Four Years

Postmaster MacAdam's commission is for a four-year term, beginning March 19, 1917. With other future postmasters of the first three classes in the islands, the applicant securing the highest percentage in a competitive examination will, if confirmed by the senate, have a life job unless removed for inefficiency.

KAUAI WIRELESS
OPEN WEDNESDAY

Commercial wireless business to and from Kauai will be reopened Wednesday by the U. S. naval radio office, when the former Mutual station at Lihue, on the Garden Island, will be operated as a government plant.

Today H. W. Everett, in charge at the Lihue plant, enlisted in the naval reserve in order to continue to hold his position as Lihue operator. He arrived here on the inter-island steamer Kinau Sunday and returns by the same boat, so that wireless service should be resumed on Kauai some time Wednesday morning. It has been shut down since April 6, when war was declared against Germany.

Probably Thursday, radio service to Hawaii will be resumed. Maui and Molokai service will be next. The former Mutual operator at Lahaina is expected to arrive on the Mauna Kea to be enrolled in the naval reserve. Ensign L. W. Branch, N. M. H., in charge of the naval radio local station, said today that all code messages are now accepted for transmission to the mainland, provided a translation accompanies the message when it is filed.

BILL SEEKS END
OF CAMPAIGN ON
DISEASED COWSTerritorial Veterinarian Says
Work of Seven Years May
Be Rendered Useless

Whether or not pasteurization of milk should be allowed as a substitute for tuberculin testing and destruction of reactionaries was the question argued this morning in a heated debate before the senate health committee. The hearing lasted from 10:30 o'clock until after the noon whistles had blown.

C. H. Bellina, his attorney, E. C. Peters, and Fred H. Kibbey were among those who argued for the adoption of pasteurization in the territorial statutes as at least a partial substitute for the present system of destroying animals found afflicted with tuberculosis. Dr. Victor Norgaard, territorial veterinarian, opposed them. The discussion was over senate bill 126, introduced in the legislature by Senator W. T. Robinson at the request of Bellina.

Chairman Cooke of the health committee delayed his opinion at the beginning of the meeting that the matter was really one to be dealt with by city ordinance, but the hearing proceeded despite his statement. Those favoring the bill argued that pasteurization is as effective as the destruction of cows; that animals in advanced stages of the disease do not show reaction and hence will pass such a test as healthy animals; that the bill proposed will be fair to all and of benefit to the community, and that some legislation must be effected to relieve the dairymen.

"If this legislature adjourns without some act to relieve dairymen 12cent milk will not stay in Honolulu," declared Attorney Peters.

"In the seven years we have been operating," declared Dr. Norgaard, "we have lowered the proportion of diseased cattle from 30 per cent to 3 per cent. If we allow the few who are left to live next door to healthy ones the result will be to go back to the old state of affairs."

Senator S. Correa and Dr. Norgaard both objected to that portion of the bill which states that the wholesale trade may be exempt from pasteurizing. Both believed the bill was drawn primarily for the Honolulu dairymen's association, they said.

Norgaard admitted that pasteurization was a good thing but said to drop the weeding-out system was to make the destruction of some 1600 cows in the last seven years all for naught.

Kibbey declared the prior old cow has been getting a hard deal; that she is as old as the human race and not as dangerous as has been declared. He favored pasteurization and compulsory testing, but said the latter should be spread over a longer period during which the reactionaries should be separated and finally killed if they continued to show the disease.

MANY BILLS ARE
STILL IN HOUSE

During the week ending last Saturday the house of representatives spent nothing from the federal appropriation leaving a balance of \$874.30 for the remaining 15 days. From the territorial appropriation the house to date has spent \$18,773.75, leaving a balance of \$10,226.25.

Up to Saturday 477 bills had been introduced in the house and 53 in the senate. The house has tabled 127 bills sent 91 to senate and 14 to the governor during last week. To date the governor has signed 61 house and 13 senate bills.

The number of house bill now before house committees follows:

Judiciary, 14; health, 6; lands, 3; finance, 50; education, 2; promotion, 5; miscellaneous, 2; municipal, 44.

Sugar Market Is
High and Strong

Alexander & Baldwin this morning received from its New York office a week-end sugar letter by wireless which reads as follows:

"NEW YORK, N. Y., April 14.—Sales for the week were 22,000 bags April Cubas, 26,000 bags of April Cubas, 26,000 bags May Cubas to refiners, 10,000 bags of May Cubas to operators, 139,000 bags of April Porto Ricos to refiners.

"The market is strong. Offers are 30,000 bags of April Cubas at 6.52. Refiners are buyers at 6.46 but buyers may go to 6.52.

"None is offered.

"May options closed at 6.57 and September options at 6.73."

Grave Rumors
Coming From
Teuton Allies

(A. P. by U. S. Naval Wireless)

PARIS, France, April 16.—A semi-official statement has come from Vienna declaring that Austria desires to make peace with Russia.

LONDON, Eng., April 16.—Travelers arriving today in Holland from Germany report that a general strike commenced in Berlin this morning which quickly developed into rioting.

Embargo Is
Now Talked

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—With the approval of the administration, Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee today introduced in the house an embargo bill empowering the president to forbid the export of anything deemed necessary to be kept in the country.

Bryan May
Do His Bit

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—William Jennings Bryan called on President Wilson today and offered his services to the country. He said he intended to support the war plans but refused to discuss conscription.

U. S. IS BACKING
GREAT SHIP PLAN

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—A corporation capitalized at 50 million dollars will be formed tomorrow by the federal shipping board, it was announced yesterday, for the purpose of building and operating vessels for the service of the United States in connection with the entry of this country into the war.

No stock of the new corporation will be placed on the market, however. It is announced that all of the stock will be held by the shipping board.

Congress is expected to enact legislation early next week giving the administration authority to increase to perhaps \$225,000,000 the fund available for the purpose of extending the capacity and efficiency of private ship building yards. It is proposed that such yards shall be paid a standard profit of 10 per cent for the construction of vessels for the government service.

For the purpose of taking over and operating the German and Austrian vessels seized by the government of the United States another corporation is to be formed. The opinion expressed here by administration officials is that the foreign owners of such vessels shall be paid for the loss occasioned by the retention by this country of their ships.

Navy Taking Over
All Wireless Work

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Wireless stations not operated by the government have been ordered dismantled during the war by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Failure to comply with the order will mean confiscation, the department announces.

Senate Hurrying
Huge Bond Issue

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—The seven billion dollar war bond bill was approved by the senate finance committee today and will be taken up in the senate tomorrow for passage.

GEN. NIVELLE HURLS BLOW AT
GERMAN LINES, WHILE BRITISH
CUT THROUGH WEAKENED ENEMYOfficial Announcement of Fall of Lens
and St. Quentin May Come at Any
Time—Latter is Burning

The Associated Press shortly before noon today flashed the following information to the Star-Bulletin by U. S. naval wireless:

"Unofficial news is that the offensive of the French on the west is being launched. It is indicated that General Nivelle's forces between Soissons and Champagne are about to be hurled at the enemy."

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

LONDON, England, April 16.—Reuter's News Agency this afternoon sends out the following: "The news of the opening of a great French offensive spread like wildfire today among the British forces on the west front."

PARIS, France, April 16.—The French today penetrated the German second line at several points in Alsace.

Fall of Lens and St. Quentin Not
Announced, Though Germans Retreat

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., April 16.—Although British patrols are operating today in the streets of Lens, and though Gen. Haig's men are in the outskirts of St. Quentin, the fall of neither town has been officially announced.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 16.—The British today continued to widen the second gap in the von Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin, capturing three villages east of Gricourt.

St. Quentin, fired by the retreating Germans, continues to burn. The gap in the famous von Hindenburg line was widened yesterday by the capture of Lens by the British attacking forces, and the Germans are now fighting with their backs to the wall. Some idea of the extent of that desperation can be gauged by the statements of the prisoners and deserters who are flocking into the British lines by the hundreds. Another illustration is to be seen by the fact that the German high command has again violated its pledged word and has confiscated three months' rations which were gathered by the American commission for the relief of Belgium and northern France and stored in the city of Lens.

This was discovered when the British patrols entered the town early yesterday morning, on the heels of the fleeing Prussian soldiery. The main body of the city is still in the hands of the invaders, but the official accounts of the fighting say that many fires are glowing in the heart of the town and that the Germans apparently are planning their usual demolition of the place before evacuation.

Friday morning the order came to the civilian population of Lens to prepare to evacuate their city and all that day they were kept moving out. As soon as they were gone, the Associated Press has learned on the best authorities, the German troops began the work of seizing the food which the American organization had stored there for the use of the French people of the city.

But the Belgians yesterday struck for the first time in months and smashed in the Prussian lines at Dixmude, in Flanders, flinging the Germans out of their trenches and occupying the entire second line along the whole of the protecting positions.

They are also counter attacking fiercely whenever possible, realizing that unless the British are halted the knell of their control of northern France has been sounded. Along a six mile front on the Bapaume-Cambrai road yesterday, where the British have been pressing steadily ahead since their great offensive began last Monday, the Prussian infantry hung itself vainly against the Allied tanks. Time after time they attacked only to be flung back by the artillery and machine gun fire of the British guns.

When they finally gave up the attempt and took up their retreat once more, they had left more than fifteen hundred dead in front of one of the British positions. Their losses were frightful. They must have lost several times this number in this locality, counting the wounded and prisoners.

Wilson to Meet Balfour Commission

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—

The Entente war commission, headed, it is believed, by Arthur Balfour, first lord of the admiralty of Great Britain, and Gen. Joffre of France, head of the French war council, is due to arrive in the United States today and high officials of the Washington administration are prepared to leave today for the unnamed port at which the commission is to arrive to welcome it.

It is expected that the European delegation will include, in addition to those already mentioned, Admiral de Chair, lately in command of the French submarine flotilla; the governor of the Bank of England, and Gen. William Thornby Bridges, chief of the British general staff before the outbreak of the war.

President Wilson, personally is formulating the program for the momentous conference over the international war situation.

President Wilson will meet the Balfour commission on Wednesday. He will also meet the French commission if it arrives.

British Oil-Tanker
Is Sunk Off Ireland

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 16.—The British tank steamer Narragansett, one of the largest carriers of bulk oil in the world, has been torpedoed off the Irish coast, according to officers of a British ship arriving here.

JAPANESE DENY TEUTON
SUBMARINES IN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 16.—

That there are any German submarines at large in the Pacific Ocean is flatly denied by the Japanese admiralty. This denial was called yesterday afternoon to one of the local Japanese papers following the repeated reports that German submarines have been seen operating in Mexican waters.

Gunboat Scorpion Is
Interned By Turkey

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., April 16.—The American gunboat Scorpion has been interned by Turkey, according to news here.

At last reports the Scorpion was in Turkish waters as convoy for relief supplies for the Armenians.

ALLIES LOSE ELEVEN
PLANES ON THE WEST

BERLIN, Germany, April 16.—

Between Soissons and Verdun today the British and French lost 11 airplanes.

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